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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a great first week back in school and it has been lovely to see all the children again after the long summer break. The children have largely come back very settled and there has been a calm and purposeful learning atmosphere all around school.

Thank you for your help in bringing children at the appropriate times to ensure a smooth entry and exit from school. I would just like to say that for Year 5 parents, we are happy for you to wait in the area near to the staff car park in order to avoid standing near the road.

### School Uniform

Thank you for all your efforts in ensuring that children have returned to school in the appropriate uniform, PE kit and shoes! I would just like to remind you that the PE kit is slightly different this year in that the children should be wearing a burgundy polo shirt/T shirt or the new PE top. If you are unsure then please do not hesitate to contact school or check out the website for further details.

### Swimming

Just wanted to let Y5 parents know that although it should have been the first swimming session today, unfortunately the coach to take them did not turn up. This had all been arranged by ourselves and the mistake was beyond our control, but I do apologise that the children were disappointed today.

### Reception

We hope your child has enjoyed their visits and stay and play sessions this week. We are very much looking forward to all our reception children commencing full days as of Monday. From next week reception parents/carers will start receiving ParentPay activation letters. ParentPay is the means in which payments can be made for wraparound care, school trips and other communications are sent in this way. Please can we request that you activate your account **as soon as possible** once you receive your activation letter.

**ParentPay**

We had hoped that we would be using our new MCAS system at the start of the school year to make payments into school, but unfortunately things have not run as smoothly as we would have liked and it seems that we will still need to use Parent Pay for a while longer. We will keep you informed as and when the new system becomes operational.

**Reading**

Our staff training day had a reading focus and there are a number of things that we would like to share with you as parents. Watch this space as our reading leads will be sending a link to a recording for you to watch.

Finally, well done to all of our children on a fantastic first week back and don't forget to check out Facebook for this week's certificate award winners.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JK Tomlinson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Miss JK Tomlinson  
Headteacher